

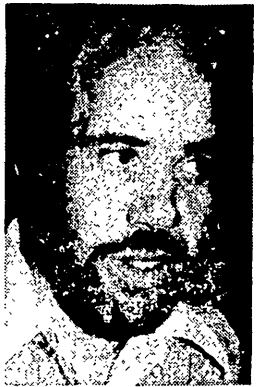
MONDAY NOVEMBER 27, 1978 • • • •

Speaking Up

Question: Would you let a patrol car sit in your driveway to operate radar speed checks?



Mary Lou Rogers, Grosse Pointe Park, secretary:
"Sure, why not? There are often speeders racing by, and there's no place for the patrol car to park on my street. I'd appreciate them being there."



Stanley Calhoun, Toledo, program director:
"Probably not. My neighbors would raise their eyebrows if they saw a patrol car sitting in my driveway. Besides, I don't like speed traps."



Susan Evans, Milford, homemaker:
"No. I guess I wouldn't like it because of the idea that it's a trap."



Darrell Harrison, Detroit, unemployed:
"Yes. In my neighborhood there are a lot of little kids. Cars just fly down the street. If a speed trap hidden in my driveway is necessary to stop the speeding, I'd go along with it."



Daniel Champion, Detroit, information guide:
"No. I don't feel that they have to sit in my driveway to do their job. Let them use the streets."

The News will pay \$10 for each question accepted for this column. Mail to Speaking Up, The Detroit News, 415 Lafayette, Detroit 48201. In case of duplicate questions, the first received will be considered. Today's question was submitted by Mallie Brunsman of St. Clair Shores.

A home for Buddha

Temple brings joy to Viet refugees

By KATE DeSMET
News Staff Writer

The opening of a Buddhist temple in a Detroit house yesterday was the happiest thing to happen to 100 Vietnamese worshippers since their 1975 escape from Vietnam.

"After being so far from our country, we accept this as the first good thing to happen for us," Anh Kim said, who bought the three-bedroom east side home for \$18,000.

It is Michigan's second Buddhist temple (the other is in Saginaw), but is the only one practicing the religion as the refugees knew it in Asia.

The opening ceremonies of the temple, named Chua Linh-Son (Sacred Mountain Monastery), were marked by International Buddhist flags flying on the outside of the house. Its porch was covered with dozens of shoes, and worshippers sat on the living room floor before a yellow and red altar.

RED GLADIOLAS, fruit and figures of Buddha decorated the three-tier altar. At the top, a golden-colored Buddha gleamed in front of blinking Christmas lights.

"I don't care if anyone pays me back for the temple," said Ms. Kim, a bookkeeper whose apartment is several blocks away. In Vietnam, she owned a pharmacy.

"I did this because I wanted everyone to have a place to worship," added the refugee. "I want them to feel better. Everybody is sad about leaving Vietnam. We lost everything. All I brought with me is this dress and slacks. You see, we need a place to come together."

The Hon. Venerable Rev. Huyen Vi Thich of France conducted the service, reading from the teachings of the Buddha (Gautama Siddhartha).

The Buddha, born in 623 B.C., spent several years wandering in his search for the answer to the cycle of birth and death. After attaining enlightenment, he preached 45 years.

Vietnamese from Lansing, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Flint and Ann Arbor joined yesterday afternoon's ceremonies. Worshippers sat in the basement, on stairs, in an upstairs bedroom and in the kitchen — listening to a loudspeaker system.

SEVERAL VISITORS said the temple would



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Worshippers left their shoes outside temple door.

help them keep in touch with their former way of life.

"I'm very happy to have a church where Vietnamese can get together," said Prof. Xuan Vinh Nguyen of the University of Michigan. "But the door is always open to people of other faiths. It is not meant exclusively for the Vietnamese."

Mr. Thich, addressing worshippers dressed in three-piece suits as well as traditional pajama-style outfits, said the church would help the Vietnamese live more spiritually.

"Buddha teaches that the more material your lives become, the more you need spiritual training," said the shaven-headed monk from Paris, wrapped in saffron-colored robes.

"The Western world is very materialistic. We must learn the teachings of Buddha. That way we can help our neighbors here."



The Rev. Huyen Vi Thich stands beside altar of Detroit's first Buddhist temple.

Editor aids hostages

'This is no fun and games'

During the predawn hours today, William A. Clark, an assistant news editor of The Detroit News, answered the telephone in the newsroom and became the negotiator between an armed man holding hostages in a Wyandotte bar and police. Here is his account of what happened.

By WILLIAM A. CLARK
News Staff Writer

"This is no fun and games! I'm one of 10 people being held hostage in a Wyandotte bar," a woman's voice said over the phone at 5:10 a.m. "We need help. There's a man with a gun and he wants to talk to a reporter before he lets the people out."

Thus began three hours of negotiations with the gunman and Wyandotte police.

The gunman, who identified himself (on the phone) as Gary Cornell, 35, then got on the line. "I got a problem. I'm in a bar and I got eight (sic) people hostage. I've had a problem with the cops, but I'll give myself up if you'll come down here. I'm afraid of what the cops might do if I surrender without a reporter here."

I TOLD the man my name, asked for his, and we got on a first-name basis. He said he had been "beaten up" in previous encounters with the Wyandotte police. Cornell was told a News reporter and photographer would be sent to the bar, at Biddle and St. John's in Wyandotte, "as

soon as possible."

Another man then came on the phone and identified himself as Ben Dudley. He said he was afraid the police would attempt to force their way into the bar. "Please call the cops and tell 'em not to bust in here," Dudley said.

Dudley said he understood the gunman was upset "because he tried to get in Wyandotte General Hospital and they wouldn't let him in."

I called Wyandotte police and relayed the information. "The last thing on our mind is storming the place," Lt. Jerome Yoscovits said. Yoscovits said it would be helpful if the gunman could release one of the hostages so they could talk to him or her.

At 5:40 a.m., I called the bar and asked Cornell if he would release one of the hostages, as a sign of good faith to the police. "Send a reporter down here and I'll send 'em all out," Cornell said.

CORNELL was told reporter George Bullard and photographer Edwin Lombardo were on the way. At 7:15 a.m., Dudley called The News to say, "He's getting mighty unhappy."

Cornell then came on the line and said he was unhappy over a visit he had made to Wyandotte General Hospital three days ago. "They just gave me a shot and told me to come back in three days," he said.

He also said he was depressed over

a problem with his wife and was mad at the other people in the bar. His speech was much more impaired than it had been in earlier conversations, and his thought processes seemed more disjointed.

"I want some help in a hospital. I just want to be a human being," he said.

"How many people are you holding in there, Gary?" I asked.

"Most of the people have gone," he said. "They can go if they want to." But then he said, "If I can't get somebody (a reporter) down here, we got problems. I've had enough of this foolishness."

"Gary, have you got a gun?"

"It's just a little rifle."

"But Gary, is it a gun you're holding on those people? An automatic?"

HE SAID it was a .22 automatic.

He repeated his willingness to surrender to a News reporter and release the hostages.

I relayed this information to Inspector Dean Eastman of the Wyandotte police, who replied, "We're talking with his brother now. Keep him happy."

After talking with his brother, Ronald Cornell, and reporter Bullard by telephone, Cornell agreed shortly before 9 a.m. to surrender the gun, provided police allowed him ample time to tell his story to Bullard. The police granted his request.

Mayors like inflation war — most of it

By STEVE CAIN
News Staff Writer

ST. LOUIS — Inflation, not unemployment, is the most critical problem facing urban America, contends the National League of Cities.

But the league's board of directors, which met during the weekend just before the 55th annual Congress of Cities opened, hedged its enthusiasm for President Carter's promised anti-inflation budget-cutting by asking that their favorite federal programs be spared the ax.

League President Tom Moody, mayor of Columbus, Ohio, called the President "courageous for facing up to inflation . . . We agree inflation is the No. 1 problem of the cities, it affects 100 percent of our people while about 7 percent are unemployed."

The board, in a formal policy statement, pledged the cities will "do their share" and accepted the need for overall federal budget restraints, but went on to ask for full federal financing for economic and community development, housing, mass transit, public employment jobs and grants to meet clean air and water requirements.

"BY IMPLICATION, other things such as highways and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration can be cut," Moody said.

"What are the other expendable programs? There are approximately 1,300 federal programs designed for the cities which Columbus doesn't use and thus could be cut," he said half in jest.

"Inflation is much like a dread disease. You have to take bitter medicine."

But the 5,000 mayors, councilmen, city officials and wives gathered here

— including Moody — are not lining up to take bitter medicine. Moody, pressed about how he would be willing to see his city budget cut, conceded that the spending document he sent to his council only three weeks ago called for an 11 percent increase. He insisted this increase was a result of inflation and wouldn't add to inflation.

"I'm a conservative Republican supporting a Democratic President on voluntary controls," Moody added, "but I'm totally opposed to wage, price or rent controls."

MOODY ADDED, however, that there are almost as many opinions on how to best tackle inflation as there are directors on the league board (34).

Nevertheless, the board agreed: "We must control inflation without raising unemployment to unacceptably high levels."

The board failed to define what would be an "unacceptably high level" of joblessness, but went on in its policy statement to say: "To insure that cities do not inadvertently become the victims of national economic policies, it is essential that the nation maintain progress toward full employment."

8-hour Wyandotte ordeal

Barroom gunman frees 10 hostages

By GEORGE BULLARD
and JAMES TRELOAR
News Staff Writers

A man who described himself as a Vietnam veteran with a mental problem held 10 hostages in a Wyandotte bar at gunpoint for eight hours early today, plying them with free drinks.

By the time Gary Cornell, 35, of Wyandotte, turned his .22-caliber automatic rifle over to his brother, Ronald, shortly before 9 a.m., five of the hostages had been won over by the largesse of their captor that they refused to leave the bar.

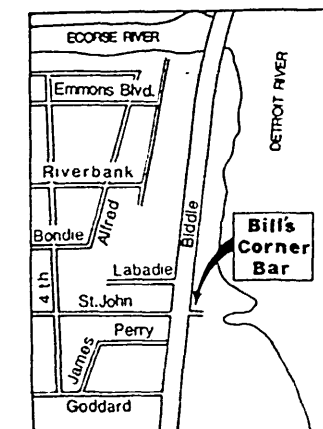
"He was a perfect gentleman all night," said one of the hostages as he quaffed a beer following the incident.

WHEN POLICE finally entered the bar, one hostage, Ben Dudley, shook the gunman's hand before embracing him and promising: "For sure, we'll follow up," a reference to Cornell's appeal for psychiatric help.

Cornell told News reporter George Bullard, who was allowed into the bar before Cornell surrendered, that his requests for psychiatric help hadn't been met. "They send you to a mental institution, but don't give you help — just drugs. I've become addicted to them," he said.

Cornell, who is unemployed, told Bullard he went to Wyandotte General Hospital Saturday because of his depressed condition. "They gave me a shot (of drugs) and helped a little. But that's not the answer."

Wyandotte police and Michigan State Police, who had cordoned off the area around Bill's Corner Bar, located at Biddle and St. John, finally



took Cornell into custody after he spent considerable time pouring out his troubles to reporter Bullard.

CORNELL had telephoned The News earlier to demand the presence of a reporter at the bar, claiming that otherwise he would be mistreated by police after surrendering.

The strange sordid saga in the bar began about 1:40 a.m., according to hostage Dudley, 41, a truck driver. Dudley said Cornell had been seated at a table with another unidentified man when he suddenly got up and left, returning a few minutes later with a rifle.

Dudley said Cornell sat down at a table by himself, holding the gun in his hands. According to Dudley, Cornell said: "This is not a stickup or a holdup. Everybody be cool." Then he ordered the barmaid to give everybody a drink.

"He told us he was a Vietnam war veteran and that he had a problem. He said he had been in Wayne County General Hospital and they had treated him like a dog. He was very cordial at all times," said Dudley of Cornell's relationship with the others in the bar.

HOWEVER, Mrs. Norma Thorman of Ecorse, who escaped from the bar shortly before 7 a.m. when Cornell wasn't looking, said between sobs that "this fellow came into the bar with a gun and he was mouthing off that he went to a hospital for help with medical problems and they wouldn't help him." She told police, "He's got a rifle and three or four clips of ammunition and he's been drinking double Scotchies."

Mrs. Dorothy Hughes, 47, came out of the bar saying she had escaped "by saying I had to go to the bathroom." She told police that Cornell had been keeping his finger on the trigger for three or four hours. He fired two shots, but not aimed at any of the hostages, she said. A News reporter later found a bullet hole in an inner front door of the bar.

A male hostage came out of the bar shortly before 8 a.m., fell down and was taken away by police. He was drunk, they said.

Five other persons still in the bar with the gunman were having such a good time that they didn't want to leave, police said.